

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please insert the following paragraph as the abstract of the application being filed concurrently herewith.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Provided is a method of preparing an optically pure compound having formula 1 or its salts. The method includes: reacting (R)-2-(4-methoxy-3-aminosulfonyl-phenyl)-1-methylethylamine or its salts with a compound selected from the group consisting of chloroacetic acid, bromoacetic acid, fluoroacetic acid, iodoacetic acid, α -halogenoacetic acid anhydride, and α -halogenoacetyl halide in the presence of a base or an acylating agent.